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**Identifying, Acquiring and Promoting a New
Graphic Novel Collection**

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Learning Objectives

Attendees will learn:

1. Importance of graphic novels in academic libraries
 2. Differences between comic books, strips, graphic novels
 3. Selecting and providing access to graphic novels
 4. Promoting graphic novels
 5. Must-have titles!
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Why Graphic Novels?

Increase in popularity

Thanks to movies and tv shows,
graphic novels are becoming
more mainstream



Increase in acceptance

Recognizing the potential of
graphic novels for literacy,
education, and fun!



So much more than “comics”

*Variety of subject areas

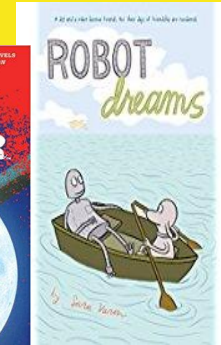
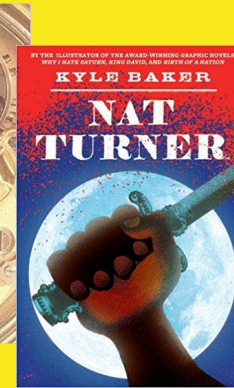
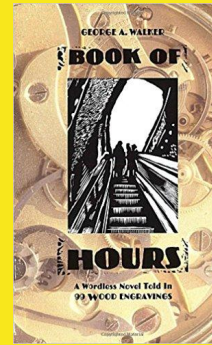
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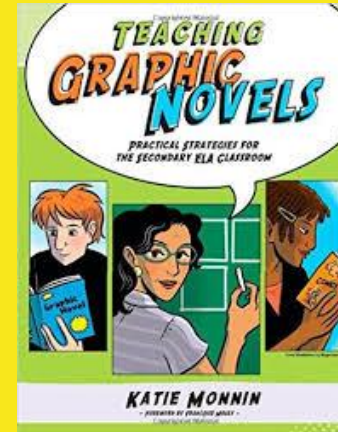
Tammy's personal collection!

Visual Literacy!

Perfect for: ESL learners, deaf
& hard of hearing,
developmentally disabled,
readers of all skill levels



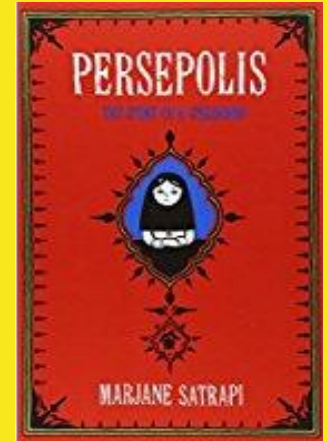
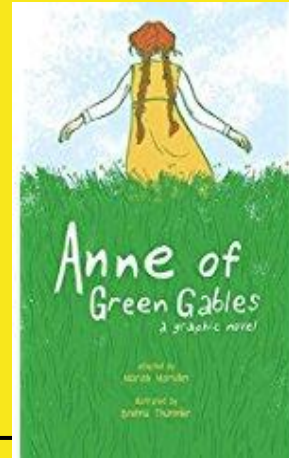
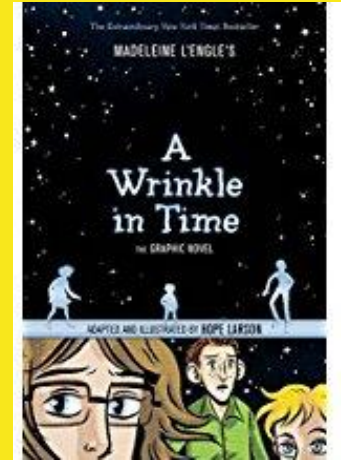
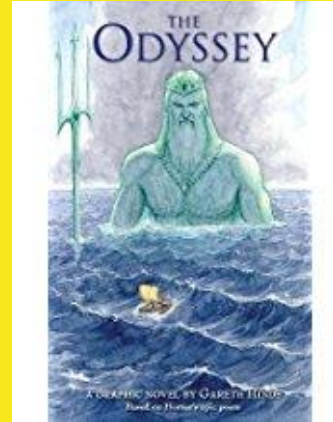
“Silent
Graphic
Novels”



Teaching
Tools

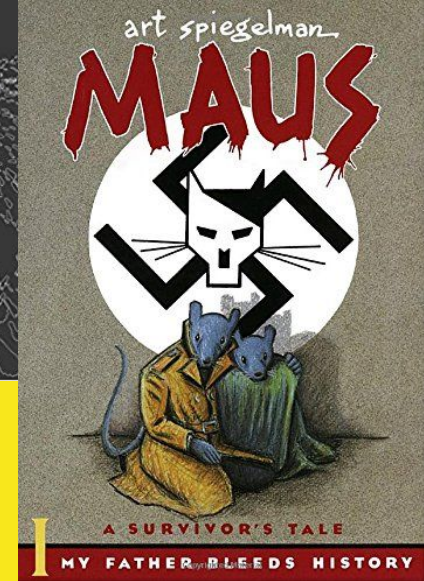
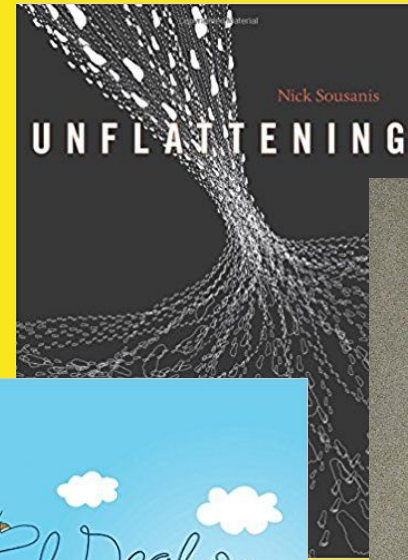
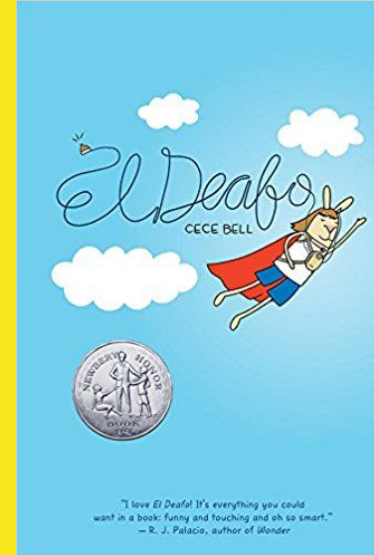
Graphic Novels = Academic

Uniqueness of the collection,
variety of genres, browsability



Graphic Novels in the Curriculum

UNF Faculty are teaching graphic novels in disciplines like Elementary Ed, English, History, and more



Graphic Novels vs. Comic Books

Comics formats defined

Comics = any format that uses
comic panels.
Can be hard to differentiate!



Types of Comics

Three main categories of Comics. There are also subcategories.

Comic Strips

Webcomics,
Newspaper
Comics, Books
of Comic Strips,
etc.

Comic Books

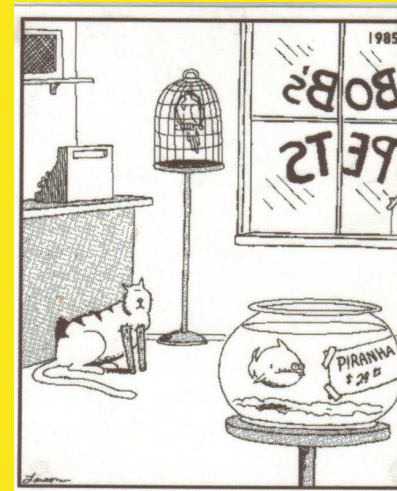
Single issue comic
books, Underground
Comix, Bandes
Dessinees, etc.

Graphic Novels

Manga, Silent
Graphic Novels,
Franga,
DZ-Manga,
Volume of comic
book issues, etc.

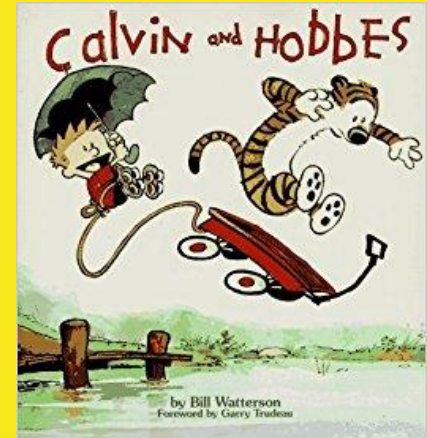
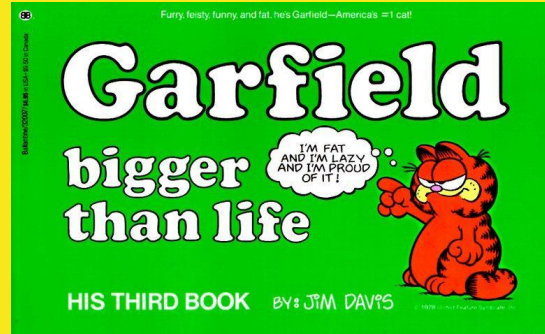
Comic Strips

- *Tells a single story, most often in strip format
- *Seen in newspapers (the “funny pages”)



Keep in mind:

Books of comic strips are still comic strips, not graphic novels



Comic Books

- *Exist as issues
- *look like magazines



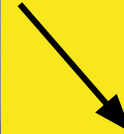
Keep in mind:

Issue = comic book

Volume of issues =
graphic novel



**Comic Book:
issues #1-7**



**Graphic
Novel v.1:
contains
issues #1-7**

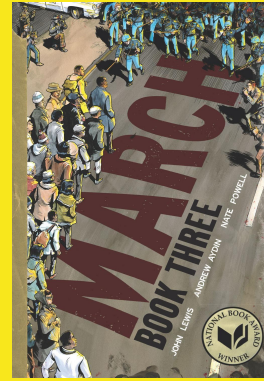
Graphic Novels

- *Popularized by Will Eisner
- *Exist as volumes
- *Look Like books

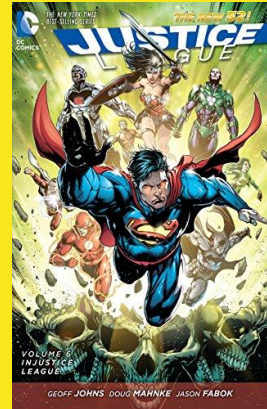


Keep in mind:

*Not all graphic novels are comic books, but comic books can exist as graphic novels



Not Comic Books



Former Comic Books

Recap:

1. Book of comic strips
= **Comic Strips**

2. Single issue =
Comic Book

3. Volume of comic issues =
Graphic Novel

4. Novel-length volume
= **Graphic Novel**

Time to Assemble:
Activity Time



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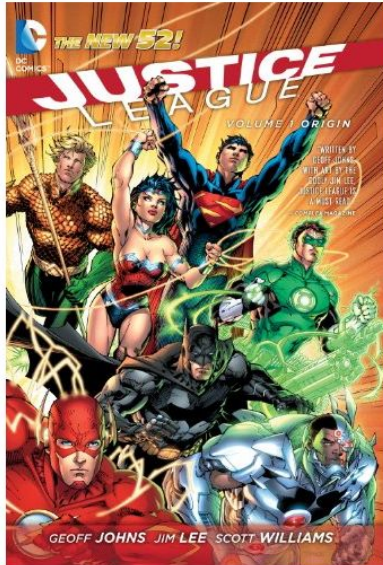
Is this a Graphic Novel or a Comic?



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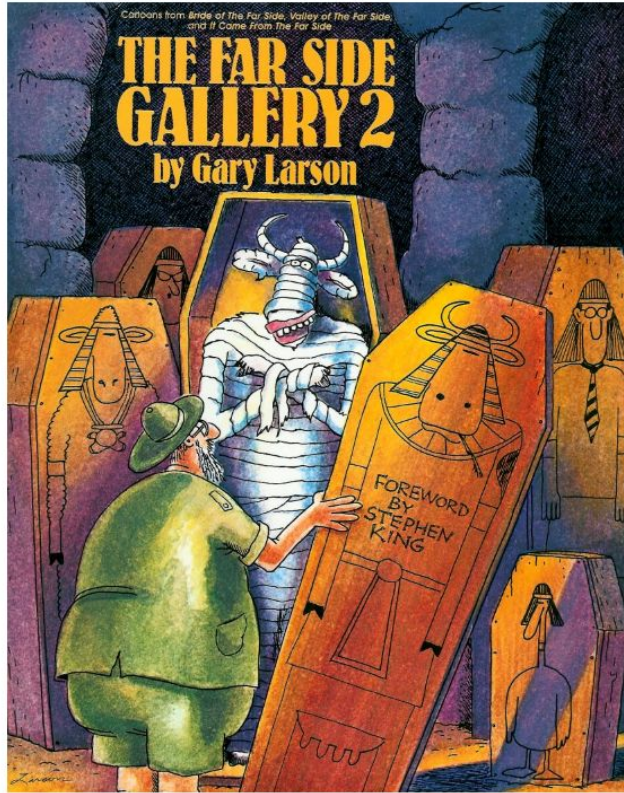
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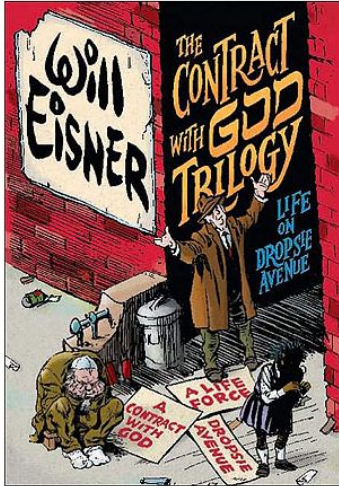
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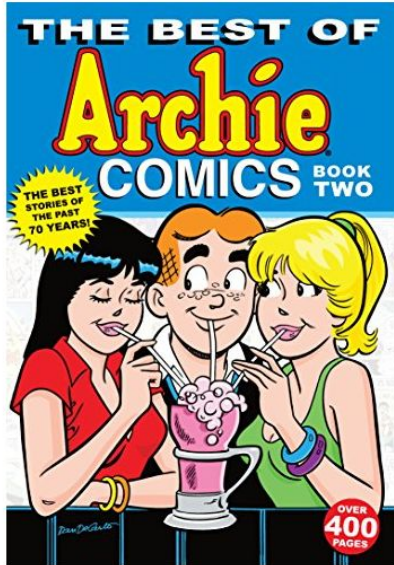
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Graphic
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Comic

Acquiring Graphic Novels

UNF's Graphic Novel Collection

198 volumes as of May 2018 –
more added every month



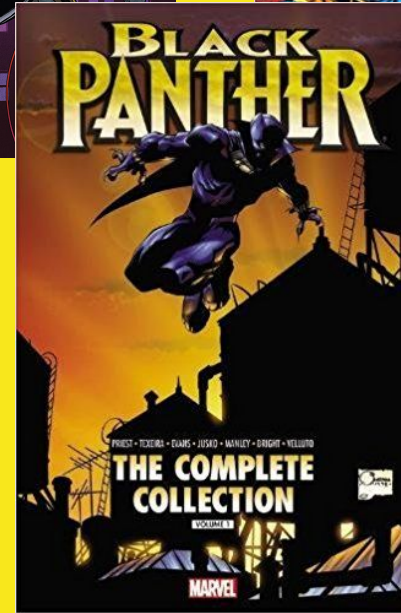
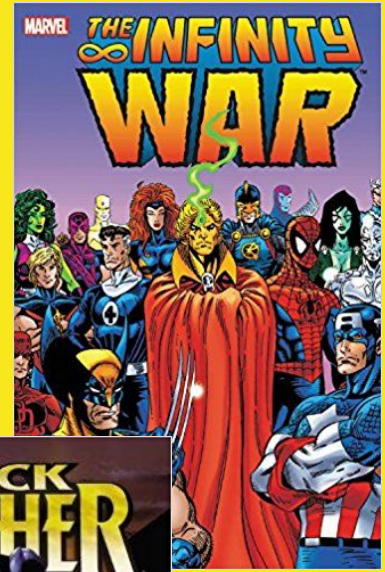
Eisner Awards

The Best of the Best!
Equivalent of the Newbery &
Caldecott Medal Winners



What's Hot?

Movies/TV shows, bestseller lists, Buzzfeed articles, etc.



Check These Lists

Goodreads: Graphic Novels Book Lists

Wikipedia: Award-winning graphic novels

NPR: 100 Best Comics And Graphic Novels

Amazon: Comics & Graphic Novels sections

Let's Get Graphic: 100 Favorite Comics And Graphic Novels

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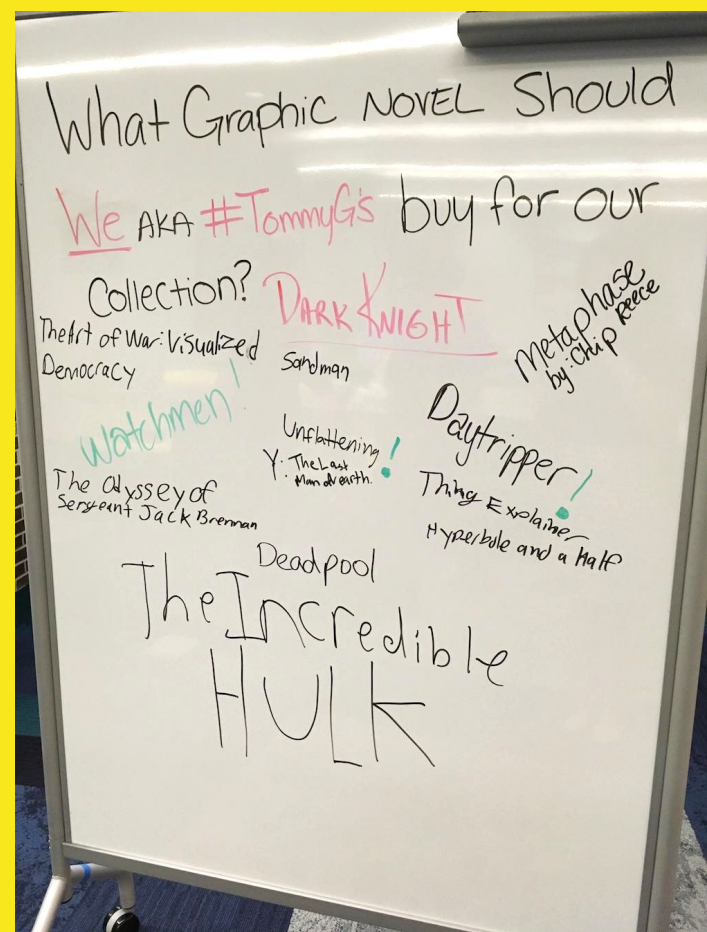


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Don't Forget to Ask

What do your patrons want to see in your collection?



Cataloging and Processing

Cataloging

Can be tricky!
Metadata for graphic novels is
not consistent

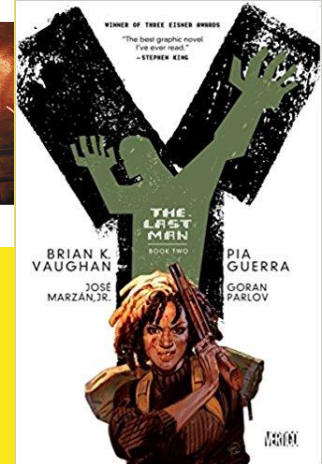
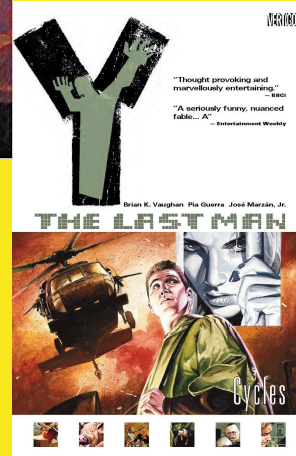
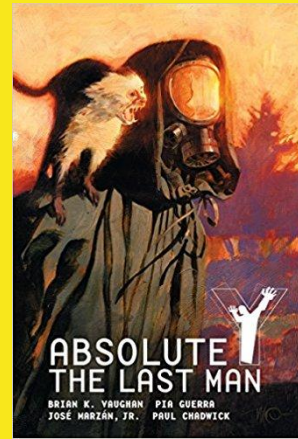
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off? Would that be FUN for you? I
like no other!"--Page 4 of cover.
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c Comic books, strips, etc.
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c Comic books, strips, etc.
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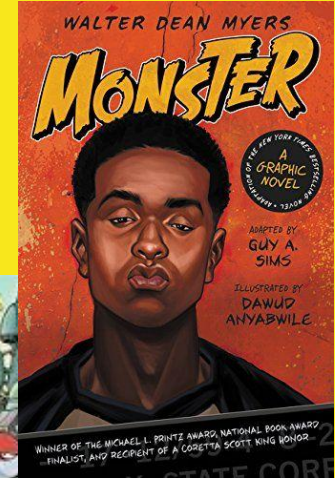
Cataloging

The challenges of cataloging
graphic novels that consist of
comic book issues



Juvenile Graphic Novels

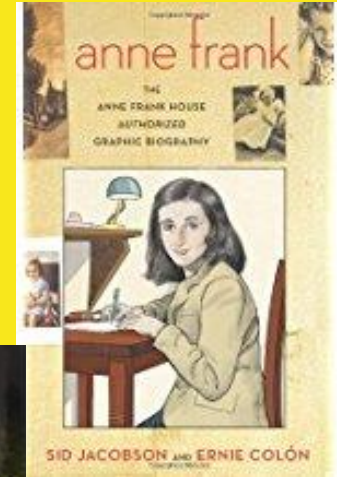
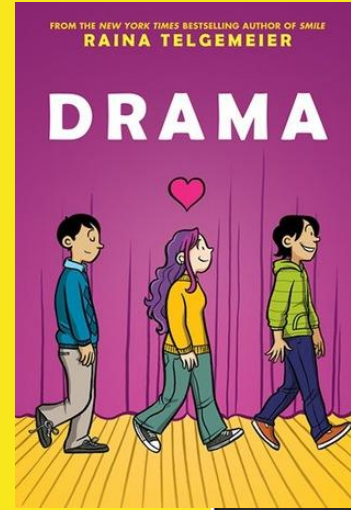
UNF has a children's book
collection that contains graphic
novels
We asked Education faculty for
advice



Juvenile Graphic Novels

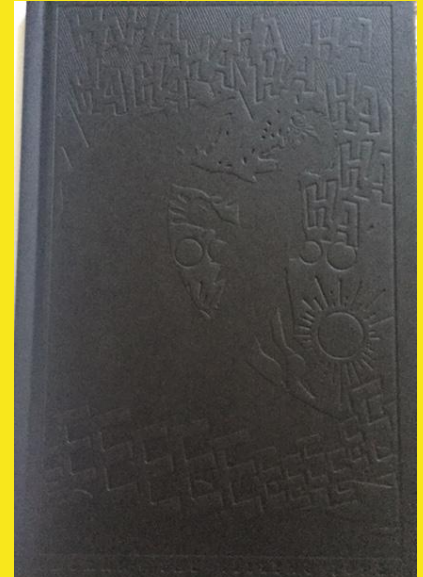
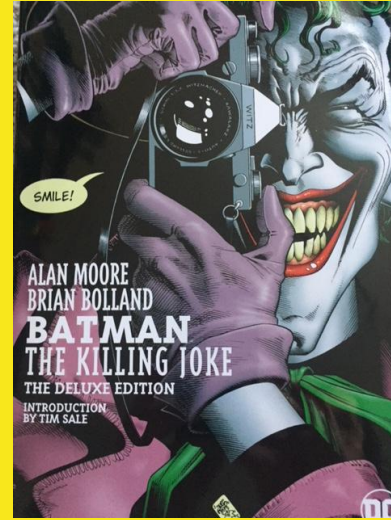
Ages 8 & under = stays with
children's books

Ages 9 & up = shelved with
graphic novels, but get a
juvenile LC call number



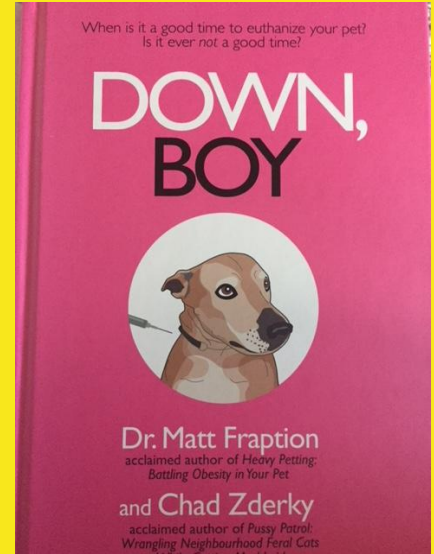
Processing

UNF retains book jackets for
graphic novels.
One reason is that it makes the
collection more browsable



Book Jackets

Another reason we retain book jackets is because some authors like to fool their readers



Promoting Graphic Novels

Eisner Week

Annual Celebration in March
Promoting graphic novel
literacy, free speech,
and the legacy of Will Eisner

EISNER WEEK
at Tommy G's


A discussion (with snacks!)

GRAPHIC NOVELS

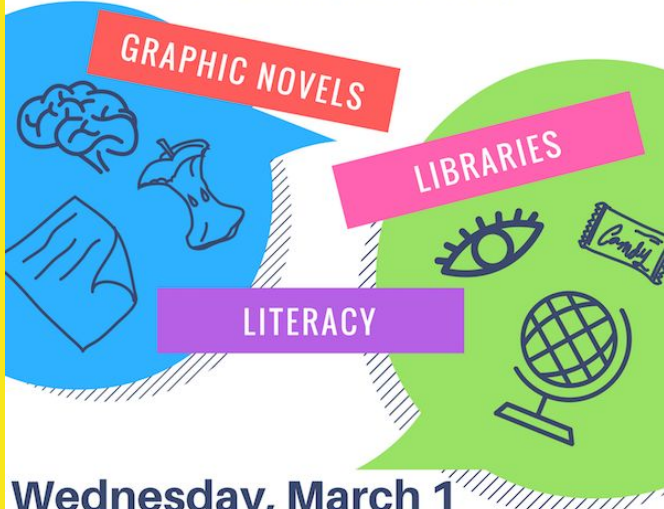
LIBRARIES

LITERACY

Wednesday, March 1
12:00 - 1:00pm
Thomas G. Carpenter Library, 1st floor

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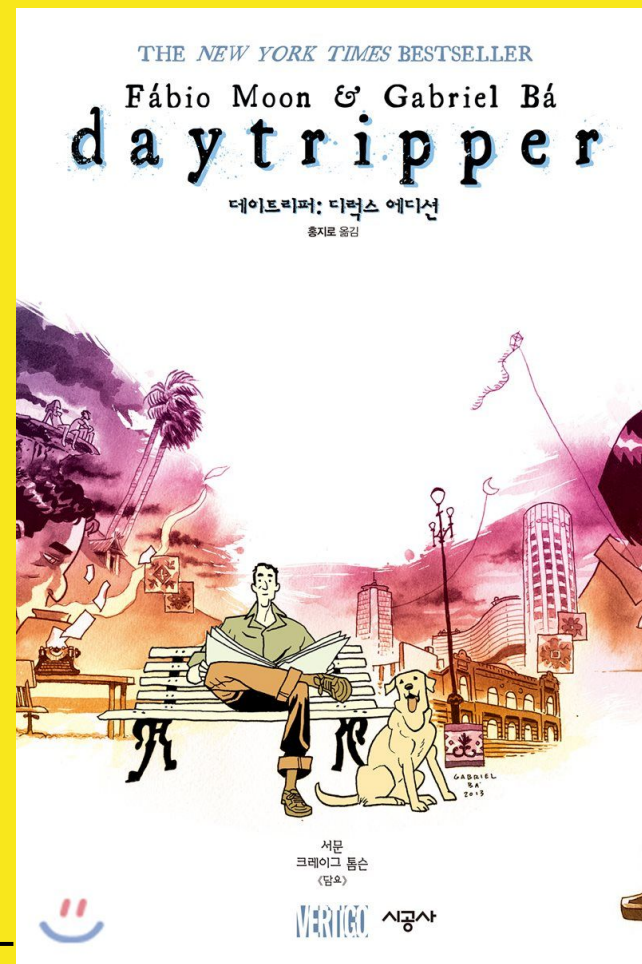
Eisner Week

March 1, 2017 event celebrated
our new Graphic Novel
Collection



Collaborate

Who around you is teaching or
working with graphic novels?
How can they help?



Banned Books Week

The top two most banned books
in 2016 = Graphic Novels!
(*This One Summer* and *Drama*)

September 25-29, 2017
Banned Books Week
at the UNF Thomas G. Carpenter Library

GRAPHIC NOVELS UNDER ATTACK

WORDS HAVE POWER READ A BANNED BOOK

PANEL DISCUSSION
Monday, September 25th 2:00-4:00 p.m.

CREATE-A-COMIC
September 25th-29th

MARKET DAY
Wednesday, September 27th

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Freedom To Read
Scholarships and grants

Programs and Events

Promote, promote, promote



TRICK OR TREAT



Trick: Choose a DVD, book, or graphic novel from the Popular Collection.

Use your Osprey!Card to check out item at the Information Desk.

Treat: 1 popcorn and 1 soda



Social Media



UNF Library

@unflibrary

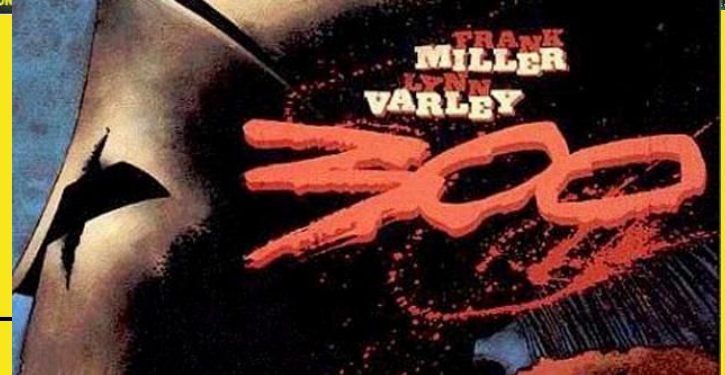
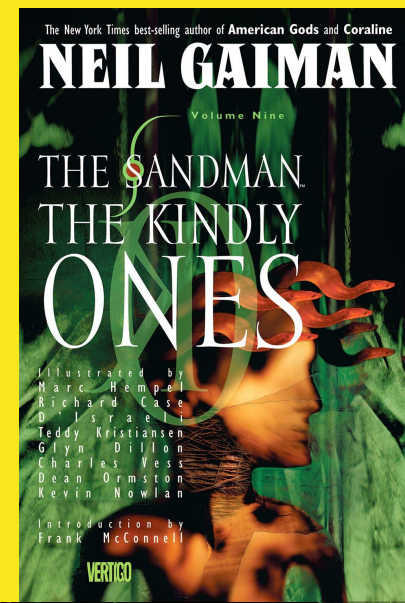
#WakandaForever 🐾! Look what we just added to our Graphic Novel Collection. You can find these and more cool reads on the library's 3rd floor #BlackPanther 🐾 #loveUNF



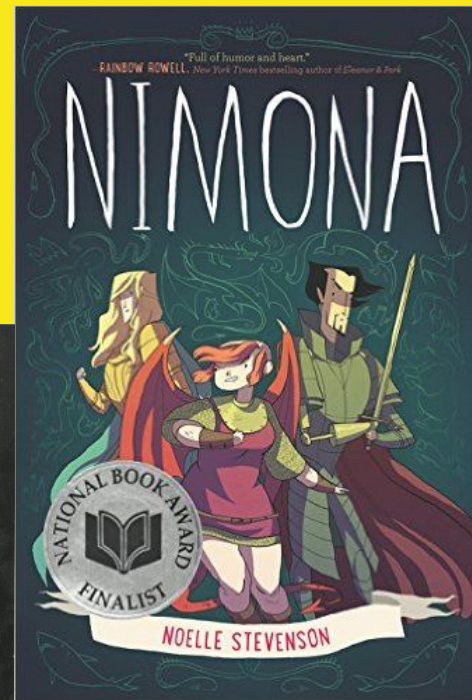
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Must-Have Titles
for your Collection

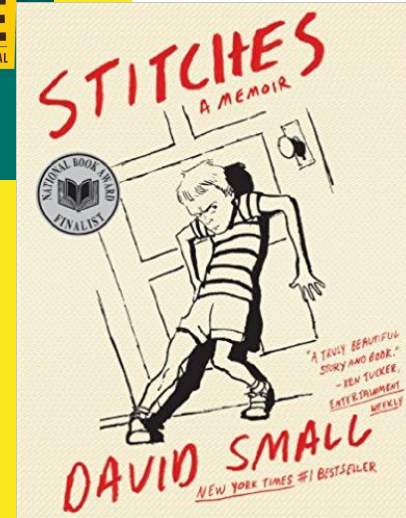
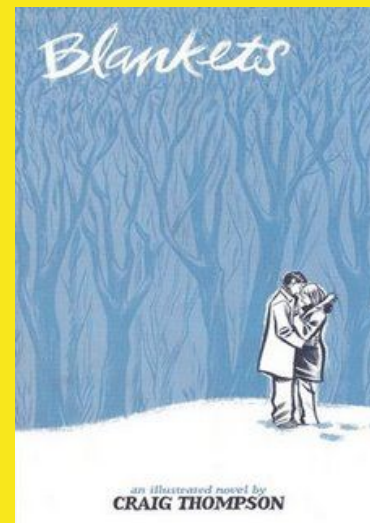
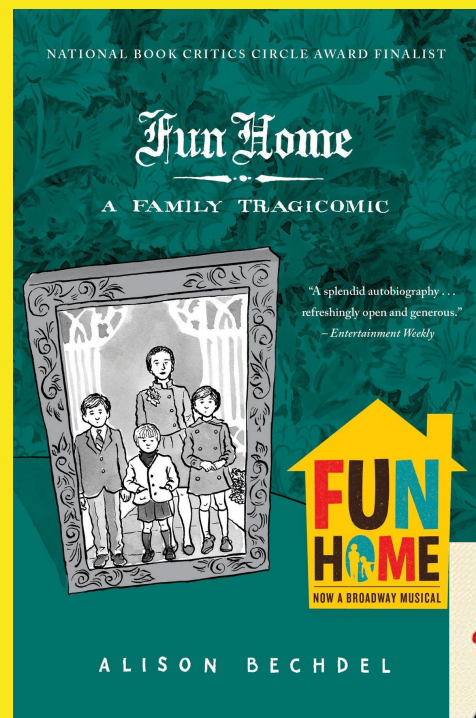
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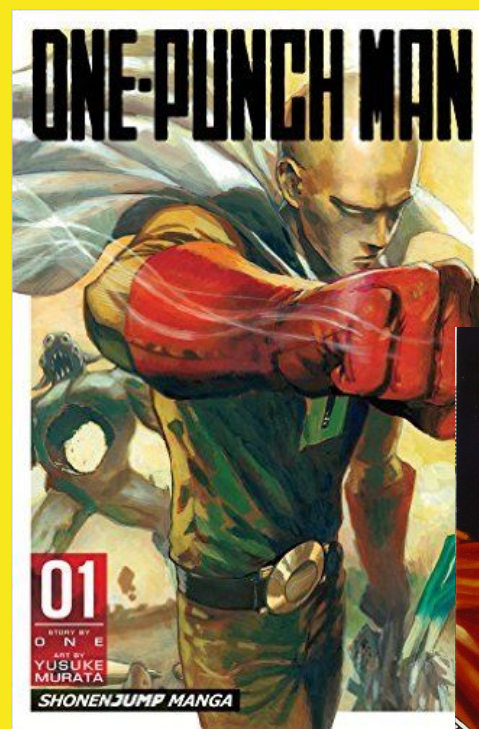
New Favorites



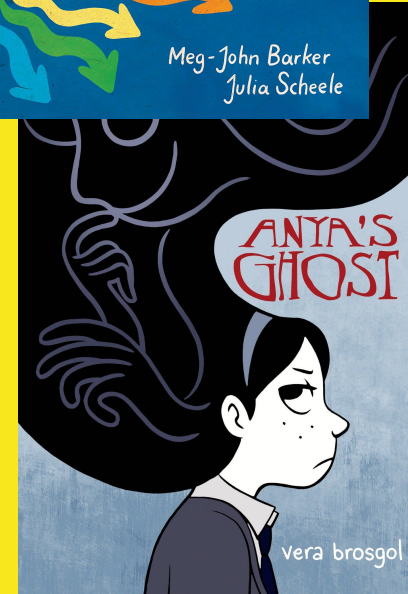
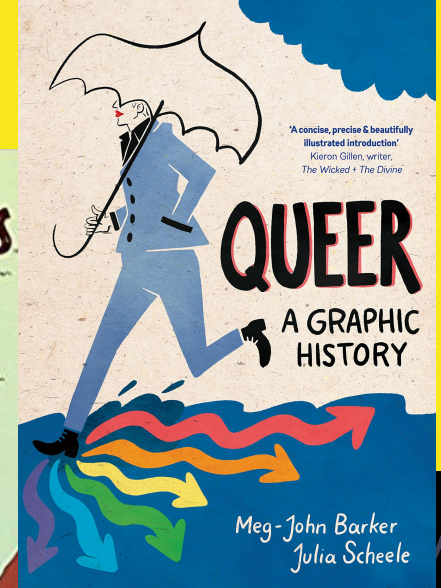
Literary



Manga



Diversify



In Conclusion

Summary

Here is what we learned

1. Graphic novels deserve to be in your library!
 2. Comic books, strips, and graphic novels are classified differently
 3. Select graphic novels based on user needs, what's hot, and industry faves
 4. Promote, promote, promote
 5. Must-have titles!
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Questions?

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